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1. Unidentified members of the staff of the Czech Legation in Buenos Aires have recently requested interviews with General Humberto SOSA Molina, Argentine Minister of Defense, and General Juan Ignacio SAN MARTIN, Minister of Aeronautics. It is believed that the same Czech diplomats may also have applied for an interview with Rear Admiral Anibal O. OLIVIERI, Minister of the Navy. The Czechs have requested these interviews because they wish to explore the possibilities of selling certain types of war materials to Argentina.
2. The Skoda works at Pilsen and other Czech factories are considered to be in a position to furnish Argentina with the following items:
 - a. Anti-aircraft guns and/or replacement parts.
 - b. Various types of ammunition. No details given.
 - c. Heat-treated smooth and rifled barrels for medium and heavy cannon.
 - d. Diesel motors for tanks.
 - e. Steel and armor plates.
 - f. Special steel forgings and welding rods made of high-grade steel and steel alloys.

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